

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/729,484

Applicant(s)

TAI, CHUN YA

Examiner

Ninh H. Nguyen

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 2.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 05 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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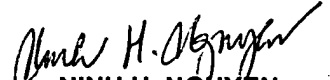
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted:
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 02/18/05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.


NINH H. NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Charles E. Baxley, Reg. No. 20,149 on 02/17/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1 has been amended as follow:

1. (Currently amended) A ceiling fan blade mounting assembly comprising: a mounting bracket having a positioning portion and a mounting portion, and an arm disposed between the positioning portion and the mounting portion for connecting them together, the positioning portion fixed to a ceiling fan's base body;

plural fixing elements secured on the mounting portion of the mounting bracket, one of the plural fixing elements located close to a position where the mounting portion and the arm are connected;

an elastic plate having protrusive latch hooks which are located in a symmetrical manner, the elastic plate fixed by the one fixing element[s] and located close to the position where the arm and the mounting portion are connected, and two wing portions of [~~each~~] the elastic plate located at both sides of the arm of the mounting bracket;

a ceiling fan blade provided at an end thereof with plural holes, the holes each having a gap, and the gaps of the respective holes directed in the same direction;

~~[by such arrangements,]~~ wherein the respective holes ~~[can be]~~ are aligned with the fixing elements, and then after an angle of rotation, the respective fixing elements ~~[moved into]~~ occupy the gaps of the respective holes, ~~[meanwhile,]~~ such that the latch hook[s] at a[n] wing end of the elastic plate engaging ~~[in]~~ the hole[s] of the one fixing element, ~~[whereas]~~ and a lower surface of the ceiling blade pressing against the latch hook[s] at another wing end of the elastic plate.

The above changes were made to clarify the claim.

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The instant application is deemed to be directed to a non-obvious improvement over the invention patented in Pat. No. 6,309,183 to Bucher et al. The improvements are an elastic plate having protrusive latch hooks; and after an angle of rotation, the respective fixing elements occupy the gaps of the respective holes such that the latch hook at one wing end of the elastic plate engage the hole of the one fixing element, and a lower surface of the ceiling fan blade pressing against the latch hook at the other wing end of the elastic plate.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Prior Art

The prior art made of record but not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure and consists of 2 patents.

Lee (6,241,476) and Hai (6,652,236) are cited to show different mounting assemblies for ceiling fans.

Contact Information

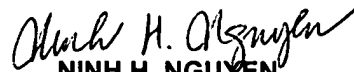
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Ninh Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4823. The examiner can be normally reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look, can be reached at (571) 272-4820. The fax number for this group is 703-872-9306.

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